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In re: the Application of: Conklin et al
Examiner: Susanna MeineckeDiaz
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Sérial No.: 09/702,049
For: System and Method for Automated, Iterative Development Negotiations
Docket No: ET00-007CIP

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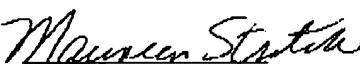
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Claims 2-57 were rejected under §102 as being anticipated by the INSS article.

The rejection stated that INSS "must be capable of some sort of analysis to understand the purpose of terms to even generate a Pareto-optimal agreement for both parties. In

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